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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I write today to express my opinion regarding the Microsoft antitrust case. As a Microsoft supporter, I support the settlement reached in November. Years of litigation served to cripple the technology industry. I believe that a resolution will be beneficial in rebuilding confidence in the industry.

As a Microsoft supporter, I understand the cost of the terms Microsoft agreed to. Microsoft decided to give up many of its personal information regarding Windows. Microsoft will now disclose the internal interfaces of the system to developers. In addition, Microsoft is creating a new version of Windows that will allow users to delete or add different programs into the Windows system. Microsoft has given up this information in an attempt to resolve the antitrust suit once and for all.

I believe it is time we do just that. Enact the settlement at the end of January.

Sincerely,

Melody Prichard